

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, the Examiner noted that claims 1-56 were pending, and rejected claims 1-56. Claims 1, 12, 20, 27 and 50 have been amended and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-56 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-13, 16-28, 31-43 and 46-56 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Herr-Hoyman. Page 5 of the Office Action rejects claims 3-5, 14-15, 29-30, 44 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Herr-Hoyman.

The present invention includes a registering unit in the server that stores user information in advance (see claims 1, 12, 20, 27 and 50 and application page 18, line 13 - page 19, line 2). In this context, there is no need to provide connection information to (or set such information in) the server as is the case in Herr-Hoyman. Herr-Hoyman includes a database for user authentication on the sever side but no storage for connection information on the server side.

It is submitted that the invention of independent claim[s] distinguish[es] over the prior art and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

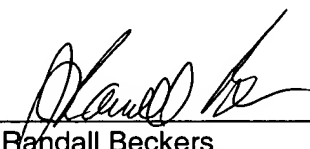
It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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